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Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee (CCLAAC)

RE: CCLAAC Ranking Process

The CREW Land & Water Trust would like to express our support for the ranking and acquisition of nominated parcels: Pepper Ranch Preserve Project and the Barron Collier Partnership Big Hammock Area I.

Over the years, Conservation Collier has successfully acquired lands within the greater 60,000-acre Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) Project. This investment has continued to ensure flood protection, water quality, resource protection, provide habitat for many protected species along with providing recreational opportunities for the public. Both parcels would additionally add to these ecological benefits listed above as they are adjacent to the Pepper Ranch Preserve. The connectivity of these parcels to the Pepper Ranch Preserve will also help to facilitate on-going maintenance for county staff. Ecologically, both parcels have diverse habitats resulting in listed species being present. Both parcels also have hydrologic benefits to the greater CREW watershed.

The CREW Land & Water Trust requests that both parcels receive high prioritization during your ranking process due to their ecological and hydrological significance. We are also committed to contributing \$10,000 for the acquisition of these two nominations to show our support.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brenda", is positioned below the text "Thank you for your consideration,".

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